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1. The reply filed on 10/07/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Non of the species described in the Office action mailed on 9/9/2004 can be properly described as "directed to an armor containing circular disk-shaped beads". Species A is directed to "circular beads" and species B is directed to "disk shaped beads". Consequently, applicant has not constructively elected a species for action on the merits. As such the previous response is considered to be non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or**THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 703-306-4158. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 703-306-4198. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-4177.

TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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